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SUBJ: ARGENTINE FONMINISTER'S STATEMENT ON CUBA DURING
SPEECH TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

1. AS PART OF HIS FORMAL SPEECH TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION
ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT, ARGENTINE FONMINISTER
VIGNES HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY (IN ROUGH TRANSLATION)
WITH REGARD TO CUBA UNDER THE HEADING DISCRIMINATION FOR
IDEOLOGICAL REASONS:

QTE. IN A WORLD IN WHICH IDEOLOGICAL PLURALITY IS FULLY
ACCEPTED THE EXISTENCE OF DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT BASED
ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM WHICH A COUNTRY
MAY ADOPT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. FOR THIS REASON, WE BELIEVE
TO BE OBSOLETE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH REGARD TO INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE THAT DO NOT INCLUDE IN THEIR BASIC
PRINCIPLES NON-DISCRIMINATION FOR IDEOLOGICAL
REASONS.

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QTE. IN OUR HEMISPHERE AN IRREGULAR SITUATION EXISTS IN
FACE OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE CHANGED FUNDAMENTALLY. I
REFER TO THE DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT THAT OUR SISTER REPUBLIC
OF CUBA CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECTED TO BY VIRTUE OF SANCTIONS
ADOPTED WITHIN THE REGION. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES
FIRMLY THAT SUCH SANCTIONS CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE
FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES THAT NOW
TAKE THE POSITION THAT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THEY ARE
NOT APPROPRIATE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ROAD SHOULD BE CLEARED
FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL SYSTEM TO RENEW, IF THEY SO
DESIRE, RELATIONS OF ALL KINDS WITH THE CUBAN PEOPLE
WITHOUT INOPERATIVE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED
POLITICALLY TO THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF STAGNATION IN
THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE SANCTIONS WERE
ADOPTED. THIS IS A SITUATION IN WHICH COUNTRIES SHOULD
GUIDE THEMSELVES MORE BY THE CURRENT CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS
FOR THE FUTURE THAN BY PAST EXPERIENCES. END QTE.
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